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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Vorlop, Klaus-Dieter and Jekel, Maren) Group Art Unit:
Application No. 09/720,190) Examiner:
Filed: 20 December 2000)
For: *Process for Producing a Polyvinyl*)
Alcohol Gel and a Mechanically Highly)
Stable Gel Produced Thereby) Peoria, IL 61602-1241
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

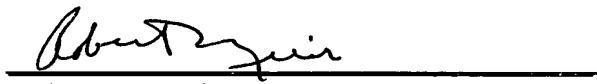
The following information and attached material are submitted for the Examiner's consideration relative to one or more of the claims in the above-identified application. Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each item listed thereon are attached.

All of the prior art documents are discussed in the International Search Report, a copy of which has previously been submitted, or are discussed in the background of the specification. The relevance of these documents to the claimed subject matter in this application is believed to be explained in the International Search Report and/or in the application.

One or more of the documents may have markings thereon. No significance is meant to be attached to the markings.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §609. If for some reason the examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,



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